Area-Wide Soil Contamination Project Task Force Meeting

April 1, 2002, 9:30-5:00

Wenatchee School District Office, 235 Sunset Ave., Wenatchee

9:30 – Introductions, agenda review, and impressions 9:45 from the last meeting (15 minutes)

9:45 - Communication principles and forecast (30 minutes)

Discuss draft principles and their application. Also discuss any press contacts or communication activities that occurred since the February meeting and contacts or activities anticipated in between the April and May meetings. The draft principles were prepared based on a conference call between Ecology, Agriculture, the Task Force co-chairs, and other interested Task Force members.

Supporting Materials:

Draft communication principles

10:15 – Discussion of evidence of area-wide contamination (30 minutes)

10:45 • Natural background

Sources of arsenic and lead and distribution in Washington State

Supporting Materials:

Presentation at the meeting

10:45 – Discussion of arsenic and lead cleanup levels (45 minutes)

11:30

10:15

- General approach to setting cleanup levels
- MTCA cleanup levels for arsenic and lead
- Implications of exceeding a cleanup level

Supporting Materials:

Presentation at the meeting

11:30 – Overview of Task Force workplan (30 minutes)

12:00

The Task Force workplan outlines the planned issue papers, reports, and other analysis that will be prepared by the contractor team in support of TF deliberations and establishes a schedule and process for the TF to direct and understand this information gathering. It also outlines the anticipated phases of the project and the schedule for developing TF findings and recommendations.

Supporting Materials:

- Draft workplan
- Support contract scope of work
- Matrix of Task Force meeting activities

12:00 - Lunch

12:45

Lunch is provided for Task Force members. During lunch, Jim Pendowski from Ecology will update the Task Force on other Ecology efforts related to arsenic and lead, such as the Tacoma Smelter Plume project.

Supporting Materials:

List of other arsenic and lead activities

12:45 – Present and discuss preliminary results of the information survey (30 minutes)

The information survey is a broad-based information gathering effort that involved interviews with individuals in research and academia, government, and non-governmental groups who might have insight into arsenic and lead remediation, area-wide soil contamination, and other relevant topics. It is intended to provide much of the basic information upon which future project analysis will draw.

Supporting Materials:

 Presentation at the meeting

1:15 – Nature and Extent – Preliminary Estimates (30 minutes)

1:45

(1) Review the major components of the geographic/geochemical assessment task area and the membership and activities of Work Group I. (2) Present planned approach to using existing data sources to develop preliminary estimates of the nature and extent of arsenic and lead soil contamination in Washington, schedule for completing the work, and work elements that will be provided to support Task Force deliberations. (3) Obtain early Task Force direction and feedback on this approach for preliminary estimates.

Supporting Materials:

- Presentation at the meeting
- Work Group I roster

1:45 – 2:00	Break	
2:00 – 3:00	Nature and Extent – Confirmation Sampling Pilot Project (1 hour) (1) Present status report on sampling protocol identified for Yakima County soil sampling, identify next steps in the process, and provide schedule for sampling activities and work products. (2) Discuss the process used by Ecology, the Office of the Attorney General, and several Task Force members to identify and address legal issues related to sampling.	Supporting Materials: Presentation at the meeting
3:00 – 3:45	Protective Measures – Site Categories and Range of Protective Measures (45 minutes) (1) Review the major components of protective measures task area and the membership and activities of Work Group II. (2) Present potential criteria that could be used to distinguish between categories of sites within area-wide soil contamination areas and obtain early Task Force direction and feedback on these criteria. (3) Discuss actions/measures that, based on the information survey, might be taken to address area-wide soil contamination and obtain Task Force direction and feedback on criteria that should be used to select actions/measures for further evaluation.	Supporting Materials: Presentation at the meeting Work Group II roster
3:45 – 4:15	Institutional Frameworks – Case Studies (30 minutes) (1) Review the major components of the institutional frameworks task area. (2) Present planned approach to selecting institutional frameworks case studies and information anticipated to be produced by case studies, and obtain early Task Force direction and feedback on this analysis and the types of case studies and information that may be important. (3) Present candidates for case studies that were identified through the information survey and obtain TF feedback on these candidates.	Supporting Materials: • Presentation at the meeting
4:15 – 4:30	Return to Task Force workplan (15 minutes) We will quickly preview the May Task Force meeting and the activities that are planned for in between the April and May meetings.	Supporting Materials: Draft workplan Matrix of Task Force meeting activities
4:30 – 4:45	Opportunity for public comments (15 minutes)	

5:00 Adjourn

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5:00

Advance supporting materials are distributed one week before the meeting. Please note, all Area-Wide Project Task Force meetings are open to the public and public comments are welcome. We will gage the amount of interest and desire to make comments at the afternoon break, if needed we will extend the meeting time to accommodate commenters. Lunch will be provided for Task Force members. We regret that we cannot provide lunch for members of the public.

Meeting wrap-up and next steps (15 minutes)